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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION ISSUE

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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD REGRET GIZURARSSON'S LEG FRACTURE, BUT WOULD BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE VISIT AND BRIEFINGS BOTH HERE AND IN NORFOLK AT ANY TIME HE IS IN A POSITION TO MAKE TRIP. IS HIS ACCIDENT LIKELY TO DELAY PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON ICELANDIC SIDE?

2. DURING HIS MEETINGS IN DEFENSE HERE LAST WEEK, UK MOD LORD CARRINGTON GENERALLY CONFIRMED YOUR REPORTS REFTEL B REGARDING UK FISH CATCH OFF ICELAND; HE QUOTED FIGURE OF
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145-150,000 TONS AS HAVING BEEN TAKEN SO FAR THIS FISHING

YEAR. CARRINGTON HINTED THAT DESPITE THIS LOWERED CATCH AND CONSEQUENT PLANNED CONTINUATION OFFFISHING OPERATIONS, BRITS MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO SOME SENSE OF MOVEMENT FROM GOI SHOWING ITS WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE. UP TO NOW ICELANDERS HAVE OF COURSE INSISTED ON REMOVAL OF FRIGATES OS PRECONDITION TO RESUMPTION NEGOTIATIONS WHILE SHOWING NO GIVE ON QUESTION OF HARRASSING TRAWLERS IF FRIGATES LEAVE. HAVE YOU PICKED UP ANYTHING INDICATING LIKELIHOOD SHIFT ON ICELANDIC SIDE, OR DO YOU THINK ICELANDERS MIGHT BE STIMULATED INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATION IF CARRINGTON'S MESSAGE WERE DISCREETLY RELAYED TO THEM? (CARRINGTON ADHERED TO CHARACTERISTIC BRITISH VIEW THAT ICELANDERS ARE BLUFFING ON IDF RETENTION ISSUE AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY.)

3. THIS MESSAGE PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH DOD. ROGERS

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